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SUBJECT: CURRENT BRITISH VIEWS ON EC COMMISSION
PROPOSALS FOR A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3005; EC BRUSSELS 2594; LONDON 4623

1. HMG OFFICIALS IN FCO AND, ABOVE ALL, IN DEPARTMENT
OF ENERGY APPEAR DETERMINED TO BLOCK SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS
ON EC COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY
WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE DIRIGISTE AND IMPRACTICAL.

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2. BRITISH ARE PERSUADED, AS NOTED IN REFTELS, THAT EC

OBJECTIVES IN OIL SECTOR IN PARTICULAR CAN BE ACHIEVED
ONLY BY WORKING IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH OIL COMPANIES
AND OTHER CONSUMER NATIONS SUCH AS US. HMG EVENTUALLY
MAY ACCEDE TO WORKING OUT INFORMATION GATHERING SYSTEM
BUT IS APT TO OPPOSE PLACING REAL AUTHORITY WITH
COMMISSION.

3. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, BRITISH ARE LIKELY TO INSURE
THAT EC DELIBERATIONS ARE PROLONGED UNTIL OUTCOME OF ROME
TREATY RENEGOTIATION, ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP EXERCISE
AND NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR ENERGY POLICY ARE
KNOWN.

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